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St. James's, November 30.

HIS Majesty having determined to hold a Chapter of the most noble Order of the Garter, the Knights Companions resident in and near London, were summoned by Vertue of Letters from the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, Chancellour of the Order, signifying the Sovereign's Pleasure for their personal Appearance here on the 21st Instant in the Evening; whereupon eight of them habited in their Mantles, and having on their Georges and Garters, together with the Chancellour, Garter King of Arms, and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, Officers of the said Order wearing their different Badges and respective Mantles, waited His Majesty's coming, in the Apartment next to His Closet: And upon His Majesty's Appearance, robed in the Mantle of the Order, Garter by the Sovereign's Command called over the Names of the Knights Companions beginning with the Juniors, and then the Procession to the Council Chamber was in the following Order, wherein the Juniors went first, and those Knights, whose Companions were not present, went single, viz.

The Duke of Kingston, the Earl of Berkeley, a-breast.
Duke of Newcastle, Duke of Montague, } in the same
Duke of Kent, Duke of Argyle, } Manner.
Duke of Marlborough, } each single, because their
Duke of Buckingham, } Companions were absent.

Garter King of Arms having the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod on his Left Hand.

The Chancellour of the Order with his Purse and Seal.

The SOVEREIGN.

Having thus entred the Chapter-Room, the Knights stood behind their several Chairs, placed according to the Situation of their Stalls in the Royal Chapel of Windsor, till the Sovereign had seated himself in a Chair of State at the upper End of the Table, when the Knights Companions seated themselves by His Majesty's Leave, the Chancellour of the Order standing near His Majesty, and Garter King of Arms having the Black Rod on his Left Hand at the lower End of the Table. The Chancellour, by the Sovereign's Command, declared, that the Reason of calling this Chapter was to supply the Vacancy occasioned by the Death of the late Duke of Schonberg: The Statutes of the Order prohibiting the Election of any Person who hath not actually received the Honour of Knighthood, the Sovereign commanded Garter to bring in Charles Earl of Sunderland, Groom of the Stole to His Majesty, and first Commissioner of His Majesty's Treasury, who being introduced between Garter and the Black Rod, kneeled down before His Majesty and was Knighted with the Sword of State, and then retired out of the Room. Immediately afterwards each Knight Companion having wrote down the Names of nine Persons whom they esteemed qualified to be elected, that is, three Earls or of higher Degree, three Barons, and three Knights, to which they severally set their Hands; and the Chancellour having collected their Scrutinies, beginning with the youngest Knight, and so proceeding in order, presented the same on his Knee to the Sovereign, who upon perusal thereof commanded the Chancellour to declare the Earl of Sunderland duely elected: Upon which Garter, accompanied with the Black Rod, was sent to introduce him to the Sovereign to be invested; and having brought him to the Door of the Chapter-Room, at the Entrance he was received by the two youngest Knights and conducted between them up to the Sovereign, with the usual Reverences, Garter King of Arms carrying before them on a Cushion the Garter (the Ensign of the Order) and a gold George in a blue Ribbond, having the Black Rod on his Left Hand; and these junior Knights returning to their Seats, Garter on his Knee presented to the Sovereign the Garter, who delivered the same to the two senior Knights, and they buckled it about his Left Leg, while the Chancellour read the Admonition enjoined by the Statutes; and then Garter likewise on his Knee presented to the Sovereign the blue Ribbond with the gold George, and His Majesty assisted by the said two senior Knights put it over his Left Shoulder a thwart under his Right Arm, who was then kneeling, the Chancellour at that time reading the usual Admonition; and then the Earl of Sunderland having kissed the Sovereign's Hand, and thanked His Majesty for the great Honour done him, rose up, saluted severally the Companions who all congratulated him, and then he withdrew. And the Knights Companions being again called over, they returned in the same Order.

Hague, Dec. 5. **The Marquess Beretti Landi had a Conference with the Deputies of the States General on the 27th past, when he delivered to them two Letters from Cardinal Alberoni. The Earl of Cadogan, Ambassadour Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the King of Great Britain, and M. de Morville, Ambassadour and Plenipotentiary of his Most Christian Majesty, have signed a Convention with the Emperour's Minister and Plenipotentiary Count Windisgratz, by which the King of Spain is allowed three Months longer from the 18th of November, N. S. for accepting the Treaty of Quadruple Alliance,**